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** ABKHAZIA. Georgia. ``Apsua`` Radio was spotted at the beginning of its transmission at 02 hours on 1350 kHz, but on the announced frequencies of 9495 and 9535 kHz only carriers were audible until 0220 hours when on both frequencies the program of 1350 kHz started being relayed (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, R. Bulgaria DX program Aug 19 via John Norfolk, dxldyg via DXLD) Previous reporters thought that 9535 was a spur of 9495, both of them somewhat off-frequency. Some items about this have been filed inconsistently under GEORGIA (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. We have a new QRM problem: Fri Aug 19 at 2117 I checked Mundo Radial, when reception from WWCR was very weak, lacking some

sporadic help from the E-layer on this occasion --- but there was a co-channel signal on 15825 fading independently: ballgame in Spanish. My guess is that the Argentine LTA feeder to Antarctica(?) on 15820-USB has gone up to 15825. Tnx to WWCR for the carrier to demodulate it. If only that guy with DX news in Spanish would be quiet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

El viernes 19 de agosto a las 2117, probÈ la frecuencia de 15825 de WWCR, llevando por su primera vez, la nueva emisiÛn de Mundo Radial. La frecuencia de costumbre libre de QRM, aunque puede ser dÈbil como hoy sin el apoyo de la capa e-espor·dica a esta distancia de sÛlo un megametro de Nashville. Pero se encontraba interferencia de otra emisiÛn en espaÒol, obviamente un partido de alg˙n deporte. Supongo que la alimentadora argentina para Ant·rtida LTA se haya aumentado de 15820 hasta 15825. øAlguien puede confirmar a cualquier hora? 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oclajoma, EE.UU., condiglist via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. RADIO WAVES By Nicole Brady August 18, 2005

ABC radio has come in for plenty of criticism this year that it has gone soft and is favouring light entertainment and recycled celebrities over probing interviewers with a nose for a good story. The choice of replacement for Virginia Trioli in 774 ABC Melbourne's drive slot will be a test of whether the critics are right. . . http://www.theage.com.au/news/tv--radio/radio-waves/2005/08/16/1123958066798.html?oneclick=true
(via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

Interesting, Kim, and apparently indicative of a further spreading of this virus now to Australian public media. As you know, the unique and unparalleled Radio National also is under some duress. Download those podcasts as quickly as you can; one never knows when the barbarians at the gates (i.e.: the new-style management teams) will finally burst through entirely (John Figliozzi, NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I still say the problem is that the role for public service broadcasters in the n-channel universe has not been well defined. As a result, there is no way to know if you're doing a good job or a bad job as a broadcaster. Just like the CBC debate over in the ODXA group (Rich Cuff, PA, ibid.) See CANADA, next issue

** AUSTRIA. See LITHUANIA

** BENIN. TWR PROJECT TO INCLUDE SHORT WAVE TRANSMISSIONS

In early 2004, Trans World Radio obtained a license to broadcast on medium wave from Benin. The protestant radio ministry hopes to be on the air with a 100 kW-transmitter [1566] in November 2005. Now, TWR

and HCJB World Radio, another international Christian broadcaster, plan to expand the scale of the station to short wave. This would finally to fill the gap left by the destruction of missionary radio station ELWA Monrovia during Liberia's civil war. More information can be found at: http://www.twrafrica.org/projects/projects-01.asp (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But, but, ELWA has been revived, at least on 4760; why not go from there? Other Liberian SW is coming back too (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) (Benin is the only West African country dominated by voodoo.) (above site via DXLD) Oh

** BRAZIL. Vs. MAURITANIA: Some weeks ago while Mauritania was forced (?) to be off the air, it seemed to me a Brazilian station was sounding at the bottom of 4845, but irregularly, cause didn't happen every day, or might be sometimes due to poor propagation.

I was checking around 0000 Aug. 19/20 and Mauritania was sharing frecuency with Radio Nacional, Manaus I`d guess, because of its 250 kW transmitter as listed in WRTH. Radio Meteorologia Paulista is listed on the same channel with 1 kW so oddly would be that one. Nevertheless, I ended with the impression that being Man·us, it wasn't running at full power. So, some Brazilian fellow could please give us a hand (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. RADIO DIFUSORA MACAP¡, 4915 --- EscuchÈ R·dio Difusora Macap· en los 4915 kHz a eso de las 0615 UT del 18 de agosto con programa musical, canciones muy bonitas de Brasil, ide ``R·dio Difusora Macap·, a r·dio mais potente do estado``. OM diÛ las frecuencias 630 OM y 4915 Onda Tropical, anuncios varios y tambiÈn m˙sica en inglÈs (CESAR PEREZ DIOSES, CHIMBOTE ñ PERU, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. See ROMANIA

** BURMA [non]. I just noted the sign-on of the Democratic Voice of Burma on 15480 kHz at 1430 UT. Reception is fair to good. What¥s the QTH, Julich? 73 (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This was an additional frequency a few months ago, site unknown, but apparently not Madagascar which is on 17625. I went again to http://www.dvb.no/ and searched for 15480 but got no results, further confirming my previous contention that they do not even bother to put their SW schedule anywhere on their website. Then I went to http://www.clandestineradio.com/skeds/?PHPSESSID=58915e7e456df665202953fe6103614c for the ``latest schedule matrix`` but it does not even list DVB at this time, just a semi-broadcast at 0000-0030 on 5955, and in any event does not show any transmitter sites whatsoever for any of the

stations which are listed! That however led to CRW`s page about DVB, old reports, and in turn to their own official schedule page http://www.dvb.no/about/airtime.html --- but it`s dated 30 March 2004! And of course does not show 15480. The incompetence of this organization, unable or unwilling to display its own schedule of two hours on three frequencies accurately, is incredible.

EiBi A-05 does have the 1430 broadcast on 15480, but no info on transmitter site. However, NDXC, just updated Aug 19, has the answer: 15480 DEM. VOICE OF BURMA 1430-1530 1234567 Burmese Tashkent 200 125 UZB 6909E4113 DVB May 28- (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Almaty, Kazakhstan, 200 kW 132 degrees (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) A slight difference of opinion; so which is it? (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. Escuche Radio Canad· Internacional --- °Saludos! Don Guillermo, øCÛmo esta? Espero que se encuentre muy bien en compaÒia de tu familia all· en los Estados Unidos.

Mire, le comento que el este viernes y domingo dentro de la programaciÛn en espaÒol de Radio Canad· Internacional, estarÈ invitado en sus programas: ``Reportero de un DÌa`` y en ``ContestaciÛn a la Correspondencia``. Las Frecuencias:

2200 - 2230 UT 11825 y 15455
0000 - 0030 UT 13725
0200 - 0230 UT 9755, 11990 y 13710 kHz

O si lo prefiere por Internet revisando su p·gina web: http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/es/

Es posible que para el domingo siguiente al de esta semana, es decir no este sino el que viene, me dejen presentar una corta secciÛn DX para los oyentes. øOkey? Cordiales 73¥s (Jorge GarcÌa, Barinas, Venezuela, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Hi Glenn, we received an aggrieved e-mail from a listener in Ohio while last week's NHK foul-up was in process, so I forwarded that to our technical people. What basically happened was that, for some technical reasons, they decided to swap around the transmitters used for the NHK relay and for RCI on 13655 kHz. A newby didn't get the audio inputs switched correctly, but someone else did get the audio outputs switched.

Of course, the Sackville employees would be among those locked out at the present time, so I presume that some managerial people are keeping Sackville on the air (Bill Westenhaver, RCI Montreal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I thought the RCI Sackville workers as well as MontrÈal were not involved in this strike (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Actually, it's only Moncton which is grouped in with the province of QuÈbec. The rest of the province [of NB] would be locked out. I stand to be corrected, but I believe that is because Moncton was originally the major production centre for French-language programming in the Maritimes, and thus it got the same unions as French radio in QuÈbec.

One final tip: One of the most interesting media columnists in Canada is Antonia Zerbisias of the Toronto Star. For the past little while, she's had a blog on the paper's website, in addition to her print column. It's worth checking out all the time, but especially during the CBC lockout. The blog is at: http://thestar.blogs.com/azerb/
You can find an archive of the past few months of her columns at:
http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/Render&inifile=futuretense.ini&c=Page&cid=970599109774&ce=Columnist&colid=969907624636
(Yes, another one of those hideously long Toronto Star links.) 73-
Bill Westenhaver, QC, Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST) including this intriguing entry:

UPPITY DATE: Rumour has it that Toronto workers are about to set up a pirate FM operation and start broadcasting. Stay, um, tuned here for more info. August 19, 2005 at 04:16 PM (via gh, DXLD)

Hi Bill, Ideas is still running, but not the page giving topics each week. Am trying to remember if you sent me a new printed schedule for July+ --- all I can find is the Apr-May-June one. Wonder if you have access to Ideas topics and could briefly summarize those for the upcoming days (and weeks?) Tnx and 73, (Glenn to Bill Westenhaver, RCI, via DXLD)

I checked upstairs at the main entrance, where they have schedules and stuff, and they only had the April-June Ideas schedule. Perhaps they didn't put one out for the summer? Of course, during the lockout, they may not be keeping to the pre-announced schedule. Last night's Ideas was the first of a three-parter on the Sahara. For example, the O'Reilly on Advertising which ran on Wednesday morning was not the same one which was supposed to run on Monday evening. Rather, Wednesday morning's run was a repeat of the very first episode. 73
(Bill Westenhaver, RCI Montreal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC [Radio One] has updated its program schedule for Saturday, Aug. 21. SATURDAY [local times except in Nfld + 30 mins]

Weekender, 7 to 9 a.m.

Groove Shinny, 9 to 9:30 a.m.
O'Reilly on Advertising, 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Winnipeg Comedy Festival, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Quirks & Quarks, 12 to 1 p.m.
DNTO, 1 to 5 p.m.
Global Village Summer Concerts, 5 to 6 p.m.
BBC World Service, 6 to 7 p.m.
Vinyl Tap, 7 to 9 p.m.
La Suite Royale, 9 to 10 p.m.
Music, 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
(Ricky Leong, AB, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A VERY BAD YEAR FOR CBC SPORTS
Aug. 19, 2005. 01:00 AM CHRIS ZELKOVICH

Remember Queen Elizabeth's annus horribilis in 1992, which, if memory serves, involved a duchess' toes, among other things? Well, 2005 is the annus horribilis for CBC Sports. And toes were prominent here, too ó namely, the ones the network keeps shooting itself in. Could anything more go wrong for the public broadcaster's toy department this year? Okay, there are still four months left. But one might have answered no in February after the CBC lost the Olympics, watched helplessly as the NHL playoffs were cancelled and weathered the protests created by disjointed curling coverage and the firing of Chris Cuthbert. . .
http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=1124401814943&call_pageid=968867503640&col=970081593064&t=TS_Home
(via Fred Waterer, ON, dxldyg via DXLD)
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WITH LOCKOUT, DEPLETED CBC STRUGGLING TO STAY TIMELY: BROADCASTER'S MAKESHIFT PROGRAMMING CRITICIZED AS 'CRUDE AND SO UNIMAGINATIVE'
By GAYLE MACDONALD AND GUY DIXON Wednesday, August 17, 2005 Page A9
With a report from Rob Shaw
http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/ArticleNews/TPStory/LAC/20050817/CBCSB17/TPNational/Canada

TORONTO -- With managers now manning the switches at the CBC, listeners and viewers are getting their fill of programming comprised almost entirely of reruns, BBC World News feeds, and local radio newscasts based on wire stories.

Three days into its lockout of 5,500 unionized employees, the public broadcaster is grappling with how to stay relevant and on top of breaking news stories -- a huge challenge given that all of its producers, technicians, behind-the-scenes support crew, reporters and on-air talent are on the picket line.

Late last night, the best-known face of CBC news made his first appearance on the picket line in Toronto. After missing Day One of the lockout, Peter Mansbridge, the network's chief news correspondent, cut short his cottage vacation to join fellow union members on the line.

"It's five after 10, I'm supposed to be in there, not out here," he said, gesturing to the building where he hosts The National. Sporting the start of a vacation beard and walking without a picket sign, Mr. Mansbridge expressed disappointment the two sides have not been able to reach an agreement, but added he was not an expert on the details of the negotiations.

"What's at stake is the future of public broadcasting," he said. "We know it, everybody here knows that. We have a vision, people walking around this building, and they have a vision inside, and somehow those two visions have to meet."

Ian Morrison, spokesman for the media watchdog Friends of Canadian Broadcasting, said yesterday he thought management would have put a better foot forward.

"Essentially what you're getting is BBC for news on television, wire-service feeds on radio and a blizzard of repeat programming. "Maybe in a week, they'll improve ... but, for now, it's pretty damn crude and so unimaginative."

As for people who live in more remote regions of Canada, Mr. Morrison said they're feeling the withdrawal of CBC news acutely.

"A woman in the Northwest Territories e-mailed me yesterday and said she's already feeling cut off from the rest of the North, and the rest of the country.

"It's the CBC set up as the Toronto broadcasting corporate model, and there are a lot of people who are very upset."

As in past CBC strikes, the public broadcaster has stopped using its branded news names such as The National, The World at Six, or The World at Eight (sic). Instead, everything is generically called CBC News, a management nod to the inevitably weaker strain of newscast that typically comes during a lockout, particularly one of this magnitude. (A few years ago, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers, which represented technicians, and Canadian Media Guild, which represented the journalists, merged into a single bargaining unit resulting in the 5,000-plus employees now locked out.)

CBC Radio personality Michael Enright, who is host of The Sunday

Edition, said yesterday that the broadcaster wasn't living up to its responsibility to listeners during the lockout, particularly by not making it clear enough to audiences that on-air talent is not on air when any repeat program is played.

"I wish they would make it exceedingly clear that the on-air people are not inside the building. I am not working on The Sunday Edition. And if The Sunday Edition appears on Sunday, I would hope they would say that there was a labour disruption or whatever, and that Enright was not in the building. I think it hurts the listeners' perception of what's going on air," he said.

Word was also circulating on the picket line yesterday that some staff were considering starting up podcasts and other Internet-based broadcasts as a kind of alternate CBC during the lockout.

Jason MacDonald, the CBC's official spokesman, defended the non-union employee's efforts yesterday, noting that summer is traditionally a time of reruns and a slackened news pace.

"We put a plan in place that will allow us to continue to provide service on all our platforms -- radio, TV and on-line. It's not the service that Canadians are used to, certainly. But it's being done professionally by the employees and with the resources we have at hand."

But while some media observers might be chafing at the paltry news coverage, others see it as an inevitable turn of events. Chris Waddell, professor at the School of Journalism at Carleton University and a former CBC executive, said this work stoppage is like no other the public broadcaster has experienced -- and hence, the network is charting a new course.

"I was only at CBC for one strike, and that was only our technical people," said Mr. Waddell, who was CBC's parliamentary bureau chief and a senior producer for The National and Sunday Report.

"In that case, the editorial people could still put a version of news and current affairs on the air. It wasn't great, but it was something.

"This is the first one where everyone has gone out. If the strike goes on for some time, maybe they'll find a way to put something on the air."

Mr. MacDonald said what's on the airwaves right now is management's short- to near-term approach.

The CBC lockout went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday after 15 months

of negotiations. A key issue is the CBC's desire to be able to hire contract and part-time employees, something the media guild opposes adamantly (via Ricky Leong, DXLD)

** CANADA. Further to the effect of the loss of CBC on the North : http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census01/Products/Analytic/companion/lang/canada.cfm

ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES: CREE THE LARGEST LANGUAGE GROUP

In 2001, among Aboriginal languages reported as mother tongue, the three largest groups were Cree (80,000 people), Inuktitut (29,700) and Ojibway (23,500). These three groups were in the same order in the 1991 and 1996 censuses.

Almost two-thirds (64%) of the population with Inuktitut as mother tongue lived in Nunavut, and 30% lived in Quebec. Three-quarters of the Cree population lived in the Prairie provinces.
.... [So the CBC is important for the language reasons at least]

See homes and population counts below for the NorthWest Territories (served from Yellowknife), Yukon (served from Whitehorse) and Nunavut (served from Iqaluit)
http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census01/products/standard/popdwell/Table-PR.cfm
(Dan Say, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INUKTITUT SERVICE EVAPORATES UNDER CBC LOCKOUT --- August 19, 2005

"The majority of the unilingual Inuktitut speakers totally rely on us"

CAPTION: Locked out: Rosie Simonfalvi, Jasen Kelly, Stefanie Arduini, Joanna Awa and Peter Evans, all members of the Canadian Media Guild who work at CBC's Iqaluit studios, had to re-label their "on strike" signs after CBC executives locked out the broadcaster's unionized workers at 12:01 am this past Monday. (PHOTO BY JIM BELL)

Eastern Arctic radio listeners and television viewers will get virtually no news or current information in Inuktitut during a CBC lockout of its unionized workers, which CBC management imposed this past Monday at 12:01 a.m.

About 35 unionized CBC employees in Nunavut and Nunavik were unable to go to work this week, and locally-produced Inuktitut and English broadcasts from CBC outlets in Iqaluit, Kuujjuaq, Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay disappeared from the airwaves.

"Our elders totally rely on us. We are a window to the world for our elders," said Joanna Awa, vice-president of the Canadian Media Guild's

Iqaluit local.

Except for some brief announcements and weather reports in English and Inuktitut, CBC regional programming for Nunavut and Nunavik has vanished, replaced by English-only streams of pop music and canned features broadcast from CBC headquarters in Toronto.

CAPTION: Locked-out CBC employees Stefanie Ardunini and Jasen Kelly with Jasen's dog, who joined the Canadia Media Guild's picket line across the street from Iqaluit's CBC building this past Wednesday.
(PHOTO BY JIM BELL)

CBC North's mid-evening television news shows, North Beat and Igalaaq, have been replaced by repeat broadcasts of BBC World's half-hour news roundup.

The only Inuktitut voice anywhere on CBC North this week was that of the corporation's Rankin Inlet station manager, Elizabeth Kusugak, who did interviews with a Repulse Bay bowhead whale hunter, and read community weather reports from the corporation's Iqaluit studio.

Her voice also appears on a taped message that apologizes to listeners for programming disruptions caused by the dispute.

"The majority of the unilingual Inuktitut-speakers rely on us... To have that work done by one of the CBC managers is insulting," Awa said.

In Nunavik, radio listeners will still get Inuktitut services from Taqramiut Nipingat Inc., a regional broadcasting society that is not connected to the CBC.

In Iqaluit, station manager Pat Nagle, along with Kusugak, is the only Iqaluit employee allowed inside the CBC building. Early on Monday morning, a CBC manager from Yellowknife, Jeff Gardiner, flew in to help change pass-codes at the building's entrance doors, block employee email access, install security guards, and help keep a signal on the air.

Meanwhile, Guild members in Iqaluit set up a picketline across the street from the CBC building by the side of the Astro Hill access road. They posted cardboard signs urging people to "save the CBC," and to contact Nunavut MP Nancy Karetak-Lindell to complain about the interruption in service.

The CBC's five unionized employees in Rankin are also picketing the CBC station there.

Locked-out CBC employees in Iqaluit say many residents have provided moral support, and donated coffee and donuts to the picketers. The Nunavut Employees Union has given them use of their boardroom.

"We've been getting a tremendous amount of support," said Fiona Christensen, president of the guild's Iqaluit local, adding that many residents have told her that their mornings "just aren't the same" without CBC's local service.

Until the work-stoppage ends, unionized CBC workers will get about $200 a week in strike pay for the first three weeks. After the fourth week, they'll get $300 US a week, converted to Canadian currency.

"We're going to do our best to stay out here... but people are not going to be able to pay their rent or mortgages," Christensen said.

About five Media Guild members in Iqaluit live in privately owned or rented housing, and are likely to be hit hard by an extended lockout.

The Canadian Media Guild, which represents about 5,500 CBC employees across Canada, has been trying to negotiate a new collective agreement with the corporation for about 15 months.

The two sides are deadlocked over the issue of contracted and temporary workers. The corporation says it needs more flexible control over its labour force to deal with shrinking budgets, but the union fears that CBC will reduce its number of full-time employees.

Union members were already prepared for a strike, but CBC's management preempted them by declaring a lockout.

"We're feeling betrayed by management now that we're standing out here," Christensen said. Nunatsiaq News, PO Box 8, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0 (from http://www.nunatsiaq.com/index.html via Dan Say, DXLD)

** CANADA. It appears Radio-Canada radio stations outside Quebec and the Atlantic are broadcasting a direct relay of CBF 95.1 in Montreal, including all the local Montreal shows. There is no time delay, so here in Calgary, all programs are broadcast two hours earlier than usual (Ricky Leong, Calgary, Alta., Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. OPEN LETTER TO CBC BOARD FROM LISTER SINCLAIR
   Veteran broadcaster urges board to move to resolve labour dispute

Toronto, Ontario, August 19 /PR Direct/ - I have spent almost my entire professional life -- more than sixty years -- in various aspects of broadcasting at the CBC, working in radio and television, and in French and English. I have been responsible for broadcasting

within Canada and also to the rest of the world.

I have been lucky enough to know personally many of the people now in middle and senior management at the CBC and also, of course, many of my talented colleagues in radio and television production.

I have also been lucky enough to know personally many Board members over many years, including some of you who are now serving on the CBC Board.

It seems to me that the CBC is now in the midst of a calamity which nobody wishes to see continuing in its present destructive form.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, as a legal entity, consists of the Board of Directors and, of course, those people to whom the Board delegates power and authority. This being so, it places a special responsibility on the Board to move immediately and directly to resolve this increasingly destructive situation.

I am sure that this Board will find a decent and honourable way to exercise its legal obligations on behalf of all Canadians, as so many previous Boards have done over the years. Everybody eagerly awaits your decisions. Yours sincerely, Lister Sinclair O.C., MA, Ll.D. etc. (via Colin Perkel, CAJ-list via Ricky Leong, DXLD)

** CANADA. CBC Unplugged (I Love Radio .org)
http://radio.blogware.com/blog/CBCUnplugged

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Or the CMG. Look, we all love our jobs and want to be back at our jobs soon and put the programming you love back on the radio. In the meantime, I hope this helps.

For CBC-related news, check out my full blog http:/www.iloveradio.org
(via Dan Say, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UK

** CHINA [and non]. ANOTHER FOREIGN RADIO STATION FALLS VICTIM TO

"GREAT WALL OF THE AIRWAVES"
http://www.ifex.org/en/content/view/full/68713/

(RSF/IFEX) - Reacting to the recently-begun jamming of Sound of Hope Radio Network, like Radio Free Asia and Voice of America before it, RSF has condemned China's latest advance in the construction of a "Great Wall of the airwaves."

"Beijing is stepping up its control of both the airwaves and the Internet," the organisation said. "Chinese radio listeners and Internet users only have a right to news and information controlled by the government."

Based in San Francisco, Sound of Hope broadcasts four hours a day of news and cultural programmes to China from transmitters outside the country. Significant jamming has been noted in many Chinese cities including Dalian, Fuzhou and Xinjiang since June. At the behest of the National Security Bureau, Public Security Bureau and General Military Intelligence Sector II, its programmes are being drowned out by music or by the broadcasts of China's Central Radio Station. At best, listeners can catch the odd phrase. At worst, Sound of Hope can no longer be heard at all.

Similar jamming was reported last October by the Voice of Tibet (based in Norway), the BBC World Service, Voice of America and Radio Free Asia. Thanks to transmitters, antennae and other equipment supplied by the French company ThalËs, the government has been able to improve its jamming capabilities and can now effectively block short-wave broadcasts by foreign radio stations based in Europe and Central Asia (via Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Aug 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. RADIO QUITO ñ 4920 kHz. Programa especial pro el 65 aniversario de Radio Quito, presentaciÛn en vivo desde el Teatro Nacional de la Casa de la Cultura. Cantantes y saludos de personalidades, incluso del grupo musical LOS QUIPUS del Per˙. Radio Quito ``La voz de la Capital`` 65 aÒos en el aire 0210 UT, 19 de Agosto (CESAR PEREZ DIOSES, CHIMBOTE, PERU, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 4919v

** ERITREA [non]. CLANDESTINE (Eritrean), 12130, Voice of Delina via Armavir. Aug. 14, 2005, 1832 to 1859* Noted at tune-in with HoA music, then into lengthy commentary with some English phrases such as 'no guarantees... peace, our kind' in the Tigrinya Language. 1852 caught a nice ID as 'dmsi Delina... democratica-al Eritrea' followed with a nice selection of instrumental/horn/flute HoA music by a local group. 1858 female speaker with closing comments and gave the California address for the Tesfa Delina Foundation, then sign-off. Signal was quite good but some interference from the swisher on 12120 (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Programmes I Like (# 8) "Network Europe" -- Radio Sweden:

Variety, as the old saying goes, is the spice of life. Here's a unique undertaking: a radio programme formed from the contributions of several different international public broadcasters.

"Network Europe" is a production of several broadcasters in Europe -- Radio Polonia, Radio Romania International, Radio Netherlands, Radio France International, Deutsche Welle, Radio Prague, Radio Slovakia International, and Radio Sweden. The host introduces the programme, each report, and the individual reporter/station involved.

Each edition, 25-30 minutes long, is a compilation of 4-5 reports/ packages, or interviews, from a handful of those same broadcasters. Most focus on political issues, but there are many that delve into the economic, social, cultural and even scientific aspects of European affairs. In addition, some editions open with a 4-5 minute series of short news reports from the continent.

The whole lot is usually (but not always) put together, and hosted, by someone from Radio France International. Not only does he introduce each item, but he also adds background and commentary, especially when the programme has a single theme.

The quality of these packages varies, of course, according to the broadcaster doing them. The better ones tend to come from those stations in Western Europe, but all are well-done. It is nice to have reports from Eastern Europe by those broadcasters who are actually located there.

In addition, having a series of reports from different stations, rather than from a single broadcaster, gives this programme a varied "sound" and style (instead of a homogeneous one).

The programme ends with a pop music clip. Not all of the broadcasters involved seem to put this programme out over the air.

Website: http://www.dw-world.de/dw/sendung/0,,245205,00.html
http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/weekend/index.shtml
E-Mail: jessica.sturmberg @ dw-world.de
(Peter Bowen, Canada?, Aug 19, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** GAMBIA [non]. 9405 13/8 *2000-2030* Voices from the Diaspora - J¸lich (Germany), Vernacular, OM mentions of Gambia and America. QRM BBC 9410 kHz. PBT R7 USB. Fair/Good (LUCA BOTTO FIORA, Rapallo (Genova) Italy, Aug 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** HUNGARY. FIRST HUNGARIAN SW PIRATE R BALATON INTERNTIONAL

Dear All, I'm not too much into pirate BC scene, but even though I find this message very interesting to share with you all. As I've got it these guys are may be already ON the air 73, (Vlad Titarev, DXplorer via Dave Kenny, BDXC-UK via DXLD) Viz.:

The first Hungarian shortwave pirate radio station, Radio Balaton International, will be on the air during August. We will be broadcasting on the 48 metre band from the shores of Lake Balaton using a homemade 10 watt transmitter into a 48 meter half-wave dipole. Primary frequencies will be 6300, 6275, 6264 and 6400, whatever is clearest at the time.

The station is a project funded by a North American pirate DXer who arranged a holiday at Lake Balaton for myself and two well known free radio DJ's. We will do several shows in between eating, drinking and relaxing at Lake Balaton. (Sorry, but due to contractual arrangements we are not allowed to reveal the identities of the two guest DJ's, you'll have to tune in to find out).

As we will be here for a very limited time, we plan to be on the air during the week; not just on weekends. Typical times will be 0600-0900 and 1730-2030 UT.

So please join us as we make pirate radio history. Reception reports (preferably with audio clips) can be e-mailed to: rbishortwave @ gmail.com All correct e-mail reports will be verified with an RBI electronic QSL. Postal mail reports can be sent to:

RBI, PO Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 USA

All correct postal mail reports will be verified with an RBI QSL card. Please enclose $1.00 for our return postage. 73's Fekete Peter (Peter Black) Operator of RBI (via Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, DXplorer, via Dave Kenny, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Heren, Op dit ogenblik (2007 UT) is Radio Balaton International, "the first free radio station in Hungary" in de lucht op 6300 kHz. O is hier een 1 a 2. Good DX and 73 (Hugo Matten, B-8630 Veurne, Belgium, Aug 17, BDXC via DXLD)

** HUNGARY. LIMITED 6 METER OPERATIONS

Users of the Magic Band have gotten some good news with word that the Hungarian licensing authority has issued three experimental radio licenses, allowing three amateur radio organizations to broadcast 65 stations on the 50 MHz band. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, has the story:

The aim of the experiment is to study whether amateur radio usage of the 50 MHz band on a secondary basis causes interference in the reception of broadcasting stations. The frequency range permitted for the experiment is 50.0500 MHz to 50.5000 MHz, and the licenses are valid for all operating modes, including FM and digital. Maximum effective radiated power however is limited to 5 watts.

A request for a 50 MHz license was originally submitted by Haros Radio Club, HA5HRK, in June 2005. The licensing authority was very cooperative and decided to broaden the circle of stations in the experiment by inviting members of two other amateur radio organizations to participate.

During the experiment, HA5AK is planning to operate a beacon on 50.050 MHz. Keep your ears open for this one. For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I`m Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, in Los Angeles.

The licenses became valid for a period of 30 days starting August 1st. This is believed to be the first time that amateur radio has been permitted on the 50 MHz band in Hungary making them the rarest of 6 meter DX (GB2RS via Amateur Radio Newslineô Report 1462, August 19, 2005 via John Norfolk, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INDIA. ALL INDIA RADIO 60 METER BAND USAGE --- 19 August 2005

As reported earlier, AIR is going to drop all 90 mb frequencies [and replace] with 60 mb. This will be effective at the start of B05 schedule.

The proposed channels are :
Bhopal 4870 kHz replacing 3315 kHz
Shimla 4980 kHz replacing 3223 kHz
Gangtok 4810 kHz replacing 3390 kHz
Delhi   5020 kHz replacing 3365 kHz (not yet finalised)
Source : dxasia.info http://www.dxasia.info/html/news.html#AIR2
(via Alokesh Gupta, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See SIKKIM

** INDONESIA [and non]. Aug 19, 1355 UT, I heard Voice of Indonesia, external service of Radio Republik Indonesia on 15149.8 broadcasting in Bahasa Indonesia, scheduled 13-14 UT, with very strong co-channel QRM by IRIB Tehran in Arabic scheduled 0530-1630. Normally the best RRI frequency here is 11860 kHz, but not heard this afternoon. 73 (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I try to check this out almost every morning; Aug 19, 9525 still missing, and at 1327 on 15150 Arabic was on top, i.e. Iran, and 1338 piano version of ``Strangers in the Night``. Don`t IRIB know what

unIslamic depravity this song portrays, if only the words were known and heard?? Meanwhile, there was only a continuous slightly wavering het from VOI 15149.8. For a dose of proper Islam at 1330 we are indebted to Jeff White; see SOMALIA [non] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. BBC Radio One is now carried by Dish TV in the USA, Channel 6097 (Andy K3UK O`Brien, Aug 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Al Tajdeed Radio in hot water: see UK

** IRAN. See INDONESIA above

** ISRAEL. ISRAEL VIDEO NEWS BRIEF - PRODUCED BY ISRAEL CHANNEL 2 NEWS

There is now a new free daily video news report available on the web. The news report is produced by Israel Channel 2. http://www.jerusalemonline.tv/ or http://www.jerusalemonline.com/

They use video clips from the regular Hebrew Channel 2 news and have an English speaking narrator. Unlike the IBA, Channel 2 does not broadcast an English news report on TV.

The report is relatively short -- today's report is about four minutes. You can subscribe via email and then they'll send you a daily reminder email.

Note: I am not sending this email via the website's "Send a Friend" link. That is, I am not sending this email to try and win the prize listed by a sponsor on the webpage. I have no connection to any of the companies related to the above website. Someone emailed me the link to this website this morning (Doni Rosenzweig, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KENYA. Glenn, What ever happened to Kenya's H.P. transmitters from the 80's. If I remember correctly, that was 20 years to the day (1985) that they commissioned the two or three 100 kW transmitters at a new site?? ON RCI, back then, you quoted me as saying, "Kenya is now easy to hear".... Whatever happened to this site? They used to have pretty good reception in Texas during Long path on 9 Megs. I don't remember the frequency. They were relaying the English service at that time, around 1500 GMT (Artie Bigley, OH, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I only vaguely remember this. Checking http://www.tdp.info/ken.html we see two 100 kW at Langata and one 250 kW at Koma Rock, but per WRTH 2005 the only one active, 4915, is 10 kW at Langata. None have a ``year out`` indication. This may be more because TDP is not up to

date than that those transmitters are actually still there and viable (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA [non]. DEMOCRACY RADIO BEGINS TEST TRANSMISSION
http://allafrica.com/stories/200508180130.html
(via Mauno Ritola, Finland, and Ulis Fleming, MD, dxldyg via DXLD)

See SENEGAL [non] where this and subsequent stories about it are being filed; is it mainly for Liberia? (gh)

** LIBYA [non]. Hi Glenn and all, Voice of Africa, 8/20/05 7320 kHz; SINPO 13232; 0113-0206+. Studios in Libya, I presume transmitter in Issoudun [FRANCE]. Arabic until 0136, then English segment including "This is the Voice of Africa ..." ID, then to French at 0141, to Arabic at 0150 following 5 pips with probable ID by alternating man and woman, to man with musical bridges and a long talk to 0159 musical interlude. Radio Nederland opening on 7325 caused me to resort to ECSS on lower side band. 0202 Man in Arabic, etc.

There was a digital signal idling on USB which deteriorated the V. of Africa signal a great deal. Nonetheless it was best in AM until 0200 when the digital signal disappeared and RN signed on. Since signals from Vatican Radio on 7305 and Radio Cairo on 7260 were coming in equally well to Voice of Africa, it would be impossible to tell from signal quality alone the location of the transmitter (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, on R75, Eavesdropper antenna, UT Aug 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. [continued from ROMANIA] And if you're going to ask, one of the things I really like about Radio Vilnius is that the shoestring budget they're on means most of the programming is translations of reports which seem aimed towards a domestic audience, which offers a different perspective than those broadcasters who have a lot of expats on staff consciously producing reports for a foreign audience (Radio Sweden in particular strikes me as having something odd about its sound). That's also the reason why I always enjoyed listening to the German-language offerings of Radio ÷sterreich International, and even told them I'd be willing to give up one of the repeats of Report from Austria if they'd rearrange the broadcast block to have a longer German-language block in the middle (Ted Schuerzinger, Aug 18, swprograms via DXLD)

** MAURITANIA: NEW LEADERS REPLACE STATE MEDIA HEADS

In Mauritania, where a coup d'Ètat took place on 3 August, the heads of the state-run news agency and national radio were sacked without explanation on 18 August, staff at both organizations told the French news agency AFP. The former publisher of the independent weekly Le

Cal,me, Moussa Ould Hamed, was named as the new head of the Agence Mauritanienne d'Information (AMI), replacing Mohamed Cheikh Ould Sidi Mohamed, agency staff told AFP. Yahya Ould Haye, a former prime ministerial press adviser, was given control of the national radio, succeeding Sid'Brahim Ould Hamdinou, according to staff. Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in French 1737 gmt 18 Aug 05 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** MEXICO. XEKTT (XEPE?)-1700 "Tecate" (more like Tijuana) has changed formats as expected. They now run Business Talk Radio with IRN news on the hour and Bruce Williams at night. The morning show on BTR is pathetic --- no stock market updates! It's just one big long infomercial for companies who pay them to tout their stocks. At the top of the hour where an ID would normally be inserted, there is just dead air. I also haven't noted any slogans yet. It just seems to be pure network feed with nothing local inserted. The only ads I have heard have been for Anthem Steel. I don't know if they'll still run Padres baseball games // XEPRS-1090. Still sounds like more than 10 kW, but of course we know the fine upstanding citizen who runs this station would never break the rules :) 73, (Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA, Aug 17, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

** MEXICO. At 0845 [CDT] we met at Hotel MAJESTIC the wife of friend JESUS LIRA, GUADALUPE , she kindly offered to assist in our today visit, very kind. First she took me at the Central post office philatelic section, not far from the Hotel, so I had the opportunity to "order" some philatelic items at the "BUZON FILATELICO" located in Esquina EJE LAZARO CARDENAS y CALLE TACUBA ...the man in charge carefully took notice of my needs and said ...tomorrow afternoon after 1600 hours pls come again here and I will have the items you have ordered.... I hope so. So at 0930 we started our visit with Guadalupe.

First to see the famous Radio EducaciÛn operating on 1060 kHz and 6185 kHz. Station is located at ANGEL URRAZA 622, Colonia DEL VALLE; in a quite crowled traffic we arrived in 45 minutes. We had meeting "CITA" with the Subdirectora Mrs. PERLA OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ RESENDIZ. She kindly showed all the equipments of the station except the studio of the SW studio which starts at 1800 hours. I remained almost shocked to see two walls of the outdoor of the SW studios full of rare stickers, some missing --- but the efforts to --- capture some of them failed, cause the unpossibility to pick up them from the walls in plastic material. I only captured after some big efforts a little STICKER printed by OYE 88.7 MHz, a radio station located in MÈxico DF. The archives of the audio of the transmissions of Radio EducaciÛn are stored in a room underground level and the station plan to transfer all them in a digital archive who will be possible to look at via internet in the planet. Look like the TECHE RAI in Italy. We got some souvenirs, little block notes, lightners, no stickers available. We also got the weekly schedule. We also do some photos and we saw some prerecording

of programs. The station claims to be the most cultural voice from Mexico to the world, and it is true. We had lot of pleasure to visit a so friendly station. [visits to non-SW stations snipped by gh]

Traffic becomed a real follia, so we even did not had time to visit TRANSCONTINENTAL 4810 kHz, yet closed at 1930. We will try tomorrow afternoon. So we said good evening to Guadalupe and many thanks for her precious help during the whole day. Tomorrow Thursday we will have our second round with the MEXICO DF radio stations. I hope it will be better the final results (Dario and Roberto, Aug 18, playdx yg via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Speaking of labor problems, there seems to be some action at Radio New Zealand as many programs and feeds have been disrupted. At the moment (0150 UT Aug 18) only an open carrier on 15720. I'm missing another Wayne Mowat "In touch with NZ". 73 (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, Aug 17, ODXA via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. Re this in 5-139: ``KASHMIR [non]. Radio Azad Kashmir (probably) on 6780 at 1350 UT with Urdu-like language with words such as Azad Kashmir, Pakistan Jammu & Kashmir. At 1400 changes to Radio Pakistan on the same frequency in Urdu (Manikant Lodaya, vu2jro, south India, Aug 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1284, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Frequency 6780 is being used by Radio Pakistan via Islamabad API-2 100 kW via a Quadrant antenna as follows [according to schedule]
1215-1330 Kashmiri Service Pindi-I
1350-1400 Balti News
1420-1428 Sheena News

No programme is listed between 1400 and 1420 but maybe the frequency continues with a relay of one of the domestic Urdu services? 73s from (Noel R. Green [NW England], dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Balti language --- From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.
Balti (Balti) --- Spoken in: Pakistan, India; Region: Kashmir
Total speakers: 333,000
Genetic classification: Sino-Tibetan languages

Official language of: Balti
Regulated by: Language codes ISO 639-1 {{{iso1}}} ISO 639-2 {{{iso2}}}

Balti is a language spoken in Baltistan, in what is now part of the Northern Areas of Pakistan. The language is an archaic dialect of the Tibetan language. Many of the consonants that are silent in most modern Tibetan dialects are pronounced in Balti.

Script --- Balti is also the name of the Tibetan Balti script, no

longer in use, which was replaced by the Persian script in the 16th Century, due to Arabic influence.

Recently a number of Balti scholars have been trying to repromote the use of the Balti script (including the Tibetan form) and as well as preserving their semi-Tibetan Balti culture, in order to preserve their racial identity.

Vocabulary --- The Balti language shares 80-90% of the vocabulary with the neighboring Ladakhi, although they have adopted words from Shina, Burushaski and Persian with the process of Islamization (via gh, DXLD)

[Unfortunately, there is no corresponding Wikipedia entry for Sheena or Shina]

Glenn and Noel, Balti/Tibetan is not related to Kashmiri. The former is Tibeto-Burman, the latter Indo-Aryan and distantly related to English. I could not find Ladakhi in any of my linguistics books (or Balti for that matter) but Ladakh is ethnically Tibeto-Burman. Shina is extremely close to Kashmiri. Burushaski is an isolate. 73/Liz (Cameron, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7120, 0840 15/8, Wantok Light Radio [sic] good in English with "Back to the Bible", then into Tok Pisin, TOH Bible reading, 0902 ID then advert in English (Ken Baird, NZ, Japan Premium Aug 19 via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. RDPi - R. Portugal http://www.rdp.pt

A05 dated 19AUG'05 effective as of today, 19/8. Programs in Portuguese only. *) periods reserved for extra broadcasts, typically used for relaying RDP-1 with major football matches.

Powers used at RDP HF site S„o Gabriel (near Pegıes) as of 19 AUG 05: 4 x Continental 100 kW, 1 x Brown Boveri 100 kW, 1 AEG 300 kW, 3 Thales 300 kW. The 250 kW tx facility is via Pro-Funk GmbH, Sines: 3 x 250 kW (1 is reserve)

EUROPE, zones 18, 27, 28 & 29

M-F	kHz	kW	degrees
0500-0700	7240	300	45
0700-0755	9815	300	45
0500-0755	9840	100	52
0645-0800	11850	250	55
0800-1200	12020	300	45
1600-1900	13590	300	45
1600-1900	15555	100	52
1900-2300*	9820	300	45

1900-2300*	13720	100	52
Sat/Sun			
0700-1355	12020	300	45
0830-1000	11995	250	55
1400-2000	15555	100	52
1400-2000	13590	300	45
1900-2300*	13720	100	52
1900-2300*	9820	300	45

Middle East + India, zones 39 & 41

M-F only			
1300-1500	15770	100	81.5

Africa: STP-AGL-MOZ-AFS, zones 48, 52, 53 & 57

M-F			
1000-1200	21830	100	142
1600-1900	17680	300	144
1900-2300*	11945	300	144
Sat / Sun			
0700-1000	15160	100	144
1000-1700	21830	100	144
1700-2000	17680	300	144
1900-2300*	11945	300	144

N. America, zones 6, 7 & 8

M-F			
1200-2300*	15560	300	300
2300-0200	9715	300	300
2300-0200	11630	100	310
Sat / Sun			
1200-2000	15560	300	300
2000-2300*	15560	300	300

Venezuela, zones 10, 11 & 12

M-F			
1700-2300*	15555	100	261
2300-0200	13700	100	261
Sat / Sun			
1200-2000	17615	100	261
1900-2300*	15555	100	261

Brazil (zones 12, 13, 14 & 15) & Cape Verde + Guinea-Bissau (zone 46)

M-F			
1000-1200	15575	300	226
1600-1900	21655	300	226
1900-2000*	21655	300	226
2000-2300*	15295	300	226
Sat / Sun			

0700-1000	12000	300	226
1000-2000	21655	300	226
2000-2300*	15295	300	226

Brazil only, zones 12, 13, 14 & 15
M-F

2300-0200	13660	100	215
2300-0200	15295	300	226

I expect to be able to receive the definite B05 schedule soon. The one registered with HFC doesn't entirely coincide with that issued on 30JUN'05 by the former "Grupo Redes de Emissores", now renamed "DirecÁ„o de Engenharia e Tecnologias, Gabinete de Tecnologias de Transmiss„o e Difus„o"... oof, how's that for a "short" label? 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Since reception of RRI hasn't been too good this summer, I've been looking forward more to the travel shows where they visit different places in Romania, and Pro Memoria. I haven't been listening to music much on RRI. Radio Bulgaria, on the other hand, has been booming, and I listen to their folk music programs quite a bit, as well as Keyword Bulgaria (Ted Schuerzinger, Aug 18, swprograms via DXLD)

Thanks for the tips re RRI & RB. Why those two stations? (Rich Cuff, ibid.)

They're both on at a convenient hour after dinner when there's not much else on, and RB always comes in well. Call me nuts, but I actually *like* a lot of the programming on the stations, even if it does sound like it's just a reader in a studio.

The only bad thing is that Radio Vilnius, another of my favorites, starts at 2330, halfway through the RRI/RB broadcasts (Ted Schuerzinger, Aug 18, swprograms via DXLD) so see LITHUANIA

** RUSSIA. This evening (*Friday* August 19th) at 1840-1900 on 6240 kHz I noted Special Radio. Was no more on Thursday or they have extended the schedule to other days? (LUCA BOTTO FIORA, Rapallo (Genova) Italy, Aug 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA [non]. CALLS TO CLOSE DISSIDENT`S RADIO --- MPs are calling on the government to close down a London-based radio station broadcasting in Iraq and Saudi Arabia calls for attacks on UK troops. Tory MP Patrick Mercer said Al-Tajdeed Radio, run by Saudi dissident Dr Muhammad al-Massari, was "desperately demoralising" for UK troops in Iraq. http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/4161314.stm (Mike Barraclough, UK, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See UK for this and all subsequent stories about Tajdeed (gh, DXLD)

** SENEGAL [non]. DEMOCRACY RADIO BEGINS TEST TRANSMISSION
http://allafrica.com/stories/200508180130.html

The Analyst (Monrovia) NEWS August 18, 2005

A new international radio station to promote and defend the ideals of democracy and open society in and among West African countries has begun a week test transmission on 17555 kHz on the shortwave.

The West Africa Democracy Radio (WADR) based in Dakar, Senegal, will broadcast distinctive programs on transparency and accountability in government, regional economic integration as well as social and culture development.

According to a release from the WADR Country Office in Monrovia, the station will also disseminate information on the causes of conflicts and make programs that will give voice to those at the grass root level.

The radio will at the same time work in partnership with a network of local stations to promote dialogue using traditional radio technologies and modern electronic media such as digital satellite radio.

In Liberia, ten local stations will be either relaying or re-broadcasting WADR news and feature programs.

Though the WADR will be broadcasting throughout West Africa, its initial focus is the Mano River Basin, and has set up Country Offices in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

The test transmission which begins today will continue daily from 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM for one week (via Mauno Ritola, Finland, Aug 18, dxldyg via DXLD) Presumably = UT, and via T-Systems or Merlin somewhere (gh)

Ulis, Who funds this 'democratic' station? (Andy O`Brien, ibid.)

WEST AFRICAN DEMOCRACY RADIO LAUNCHES TEST TRANSMISSIONS

West African Democracy Radio (WADR) began a week of test transmissions today at 0800-0900 UT on 17555 kHz. The West Africa Democracy Project, born out of numerous consultations with civil society and media groups in the region, is based in Dakar, Senegal and has been created to enable citizens to share information and participate in the production of programmes. The project is supported by the Open Society Initiative

for West Africa (OSIWA).

According to the OSIWA website, WADR will act as an independent broadcaster, whose mission is to create and support the development of independent and diverse media, promote popular participation, facilitate regional integration, economic development and human security, provide improved access to information, and provide a major source of educational materials on health, agriculture, technology, non-violence, gender equality and peace building.

WADR's production strategy involves collaborative teams of journalists and producers who will manage programme production and deliver country-specific programmes to their audiences. Programming will extensively use languages that are generally understood by the majority of the populations in all three countries, and will include news coverage, public debate forum programs, summaries of media coverage as well as addressing regional problems such as the reuniting of families displaced by conflict, human rights and development. # posted by Andy @ 14:28 UT Aug 18 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

On 19 Aug at 0800 WADR, West Africa Democracy Radio (via unknown site) heard with rather good signal on 17555. Gave contact info as:
tel 221 869 1569 fax 221 864 7090
e-mail wadr @ wadr.org mail P. O. Box 16650, Dakar Fann, Senegal
(Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

Test transmissions from new Democracy Radio 17555 heard from 0848 tune in here, weak to fair with some fading on clear channel, programming was in French (Mike Barraclough, UK, worlddxclub via DXLD) In that case of little use in Liberia (gh) Via Rampisham, UK. 73, (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIKKIM. See INDIA; AIR Gangtok from B-05 will be on 4810 kHz replacing 3390 kHz. Forget about ever hearing it in our mornings as long as XERTA blob is on there (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. Was waiting for R. Waaberi`s weekly broadcast, Fri Aug 19 at 1330 when 17550 came on sharp with RMI IS and Jeff White announcing ``This is Radio Miami International; the following program is in Somali``, then immediately into a minute or so of Qur`an, which I`ll bet was in Arabic! At 1331 YL in presumed Somali mentioning meter bands, etc. Fair signal; conditions good today.

What about all the Somalis who are not Moslems? Tough luck, you are disenfranchised as far as R. Waaberi is concerned, as well as countless other state and supposedly secular broadcasters in or to that worldpart. OTOH, one minute is lip service compared to the HQS, tho I don`t know whether there was any one-sided religious content in

the rest of the semihour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 18 August follow. Solar flux 83 and mid-latitude A-index 16. The mid-latitude K-index at 1200 UTC on 19 August was 3 (27 nT). The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 19 August was 3 (26 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SEC via DXLD)

17550, R. Waaberi via DTK [Fri] Aug 12 *1330-1400* 25332-35322 Somali, 1330 Opening announce, Kor`an, ID at 1341, Talk and Somali pops (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. Dear Friends, SLBC is lately noted on 7312.5 instead of 7300 at around 0030-0400 & 0800-1530 UT in Indian languages. 11905 is in parallel. Yours sincerely, 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, UT Aug 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. 7999.33, V. of Sudan, Aug 13 *1530-1601* 35443-35343 Arabic, 1530 sign on with IS, ID, Opening music, Talk, ID at 1532 and 1550, Music, 1601 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. MADAGASCAR, 12060 // 15320, Radio Nile/IRIN, Aug. 15, *0427-0457* Noted with sudden sign-on with musical selection, into English announcements with ID, followed with African news. Sudanese music at 0433, followed with a culture program interspersed with music. This followed with a program in Sudanese Arabic, followed with a program called 'Education Today' at 0445 in English. More Music followed to 0452 with female speaker gave contact information, a phone number, and a web site but said it so fast it was difficult to copy. Off at 0457. Both 12060 and 15320 where clearly heard but 15320 managed to edge out 12060 after 0450 (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. See LITHUANIA

** UGANDA. Re 5-140: Q: R. Uganda, Kampala, 4976, on later than usual?

A: Yes and no. August 15 testing with distorted audio till 2235+, August 17 with normal service, still on at 2100, but already off at 2130. More interesting: several people heard 5025.98 or so recently with sign-off 2200 or later, but usually weak audio; we do believe it's Uganda and not Parakou, which seems to be missing. August 17, however, also not much longer than 2100 (not heard 2130). (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. Hello from Hilversum, Media Network partner site ClandestineRadio.com has played a key role in drawing the attention of the British political establishment to the hate broadcasts of Al-Tajdeed Radio, which are produced in London. This morning, the BBC Radio 4 Today programme broadcast a feature about the station, which is run by Saudi dissident Mohammed al-Massari. Recordings provided by ClandestineRadio.com demonstrated that the station, which broadcasts in Arabic to Iraq and Saudi Arabia via the Eutelsat Hotbird satellite, has aired songs calling on Muslims to join the holy war against coalition forces and has close links with a website Tajdeed.net, which carries films of terrorist bombings and beheadings. Patrick Mercer, the shadow (opposition) minister for homeland security, said the government should close down the station and deport Dr al-Massari. You can hear the Today programme item via the link in the Weblog, and Nick is standing by to do further interviews, of which he has several lined up already. We will of course be preparing a full story on this for our dossier Counteracting Hate Radio, and there will be updates in the Weblog as necessary (Andy Sennitt, Media Network newsletter Aug 18 via DXLD)

CALLS TO CLOSE DISSIDENT'S RADIO

Dr al-Massari defended the radio station broadcasts [with V by his fingers; caption]

MPs are calling on the government to close down a London-based radio station broadcasting in Iraq and Saudi Arabia calls for attacks on UK troops.

Tory MP Patrick Mercer said Al-Tajdeed Radio, run by Saudi dissident Dr Muhammad al-Massari, was "desperately demoralising" for UK troops in Iraq.

The view is shared by Labour MP Andrew Dismore. Regulator Ofcom said it had no control over broadcasts outside the UK. Dr al-Massari said non-UK broadcasts had nothing to do with the government.

Deportation urged

Mr Mercer, shadow minister for homeland security, described the station as "extremely worrying" and said it should be shut down.

"To hear jihad talk, albeit in Arabic, being broadcast out to Iraq where you are trying to do your job as a soldier, a policeman or whatever, I think it must be desperately demoralising," he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"It should be closed down." Dr al-Massari was a "prime candidate to be

deported", he added.

Mr Dismore has been seeking action against the Saudi dissident since 1998. Dr al-Massari, who has lived in London since he sought asylum in the UK in 1994, has frequently declared that British troops in Iraq were legitimate targets and has posted videos of bomb attacks on them on his website.

His radio station carries similar views, as well as songs calling for Muslims to join a jihad, or holy war, against coalition forces.
New legislation

Dr al-Massari refused to be interviewed by Today but insisted that because his station was not broadcast in Britain, what he said on it had nothing to do with the UK government, BBC correspondent Mike Thomson said.

According to ClandestineRadio.com, the radio broadcasts are made in London then sent to either France or Holland where they are sent by satellite for broadcast in Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

The Home Office would not comment on the radio station, but said forthcoming new anti-terror legislation would broaden police powers and enable them to charge those suspected of even indirectly inciting acts of terrorism.

A frequently heard voice on the station is that of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who is thought to be al-Qaeda's military leader in Iraq (via Mike Barraclough, DXLD) See SAUDI ARABIA [non]

Tipped off by Andy Sennitt in the Media Network newsletter I found a report on this station in this morning`s Radio 4 Today programme and currently available online including an interview with Nick Grace of clandestineradio.com and a recording of the police raid on the station in May. Click on the 7.14 report which is six minutes long
http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/today/listenagain/index.shtml
(Mike Barraclough, Aug 18, dxldyg via DXLD) Is it still there? (gh)

Nick has done a second BBC interview on 5 Live Drive at 1727 UT, though it doesn't add much if you heard the first one. Latest information we have is that Al-Tajeed Radio has closed and it looks as if Dr al-Massari will be included in the next round of deportations. Check also BBC TV News and Fox News, whose London bureau have picked up on it. Hopefully that will wake up CNN and other media which don't seem to have noticed this breaking story (Andy Sennitt, 1805 UT Aug 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

When listening tonight to their channel on the digital Hotbird

satellite, I only hear a tone. The ID is "Al-Tajdeed". Time now is 1810 UT. 73, (Erik K¯ie in Copenhagen, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Latest word from Nick Grace is that Fox News is going to air a package on Radio al-Tajdeed and Mohammed al-Massari tomorrow. I don't have any specific times (Andy Sennitt, 1959 UT Aug 18, ibid.)

I heard an interview with Nick Grace on Thursday evening on Five Live Drive. The main question is under whose jurisdiction the station operates. If I understand correctly, programmes are not uplinked from London but are prerecorded and sent to another country for uplinking. that being the case, there would be little the UK authorities could do about this station, since it would not be subject to UK radio law.

As to whether it is subject to UK laws of any other kind, that of course is another question (PAUL DAVID, Wembley Park, United Kingdom. 2302 UT Aug 18, ibid.)

Hi Paul, the station is off the air for some time now; online nothing. But on Hot Bird satellite there's a test tone only. All the best from (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, ibid.)

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http://www.ClandestineRadio.com/crw/crw.php?id=254

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HOW RADIO AL-TAJDEED OUTWITTED BRITISH LAW
By Nick Grace August 18, 2005

Radio al-Tajdeed, under intense scrutiny by the British press for inciting violence against non-Muslims, is confirmed to be off the air. Its signal, according to Clandestine Radio Watch (CRW) Cairo monitor Marwan Soliman, has been replaced with test tones.

The founder of the station, meanwhile, faces almost certain deportation and its contractors - the companies that helped put it on the air to spread violent jihad - are also facing scrutiny for why, despite long-standing evidence of the nature of the programming, they tolerated it as a client.

Radio al-Tajdeed's al Qaeda Ties

Broadcast from London to the Middle East via satellite and the Internet, Radio al-Tajdeed served as the mouthpiece for the militant Party for Islamic Renewal (Tajdeed) and its founder Dr. Mohammed al-Massari. Al-Massari, a Saudi exile who received asylum in the United Kingdom in 1994, has publicly advocated attacks on British troops serving in Iraq and the assassination of Prime Minister Tony Blair. His ties to al Qaeda and Usama bin Laden are also widely documented. The Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights (CDLR), a group that al-Massari runs to oppose the Saudi government, has been tied directly to Khalid al-Fawwaz, former bin Laden spokesman in Europe who is now fighting extradition to the US, and Tarik A. Hamdi, an American citizen who was arrested earlier this month while working for the Iraqi Foreign Ministry. Al-Massari, according to The Seattle Times, recently went so far as to openly describe CDLR as the "ideological voice" of al Qaeda.

Ostensibly broadcasting to undermine the Saudi regime Radio al-Tajdeed also targeted Iraq, Israel, Egypt and Western civilization. Two hours of new programming each day were recorded and looped for a full 24-hour period. In between militant Islamist chants and music that hailed bin Laden and called upon Muslim youth to fight non-Muslims, al-Massari fielded live phone calls from listeners across the Middle East who directly incited violence. Rather than preach tolerance or moderation al-Massari and the station's hosts, however, would stoke outrage by reminding the audience of perceived Arab grudges against the West and Israel. Its satellite footprint, where reception of the satellite was optimum, covered the entire Middle East.

On May 6 the studios were raided during the recording of a program and its listeners were treated to a spectacle. Reports indicated that the raid was connected to an investigation of an Australian hostage in Iraq. After a two-week period of silence the Radio al-Tajdeed studio was rebuilt and al-Massari broadcast a 40-minute long speech by "Sheik" Abu Musab al-Zarqawi where the al Qaeda in Iraq chief justified Muslim "collateral damage." According to Soliman, al-Massari's station was the only Arab-language media outlet to air a majority of the speech unedited.

Listeners, meanwhile, were encouraged to participate in the group's Arabic-language Internet community, the Tajdeed Forum. The message board, which is still online as of writing, served as a platform for the proliferation of instructional videos on terrorism, gory footage of terrorist attacks in Iraq, scores of images, links to al Qaeda Web sites, al Qaeda audio and video, and the like. Al Qaeda Organization in Iraq, the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigade and other al Qaeda-related terror groups often posted messages and promotional materials on the Tajdeed Forum.

Al-Tajdeed and the Belgian Airtime Broker

British regulators, however, have been powerless to act, according to a representative of the British regulatory authority Ofcom who spoke with CRW on condition of anonymity. Although the programs were recorded in London, Radio al-Tajdeed's satellite feed was physically located in Paris, France, where jurisdiction of the nature and content of the programming ultimately fell.

To outwit British laws, the station used the services of Ludo Maes, a one-time short wave radio enthusiast and broadcast airtime broker based in Belgium, to locate facilities outside of London's jurisdiction. Maes, who did not answer a request for an interview, had done this before for another equally disturbing client - Saad al-Fagih's Movement for Islamic Reform in Arabia (MIRA).

The MIRA station, Sawt al-Islah (Voice of Reform), initially broadcast on short wave, where its signal was quickly obliterated by Saudi jamming. To overcome the obstacle, Maes placed them on a satellite through the uplink facilities of T-Systems in Germany. The German firm quickly dropped the program as a client after its uplink feed was jammed and legally threatened by the Saudi government.

Sawt al-Islah faced an uncertain future in December 2003 when the U.S. added al-Fagih and MIRA to the State Department list of terrorists. Shortly thereafter, al-Fagih was added to the United Nations Consolidated List of terrorists. Despite these developments and alarming ties with al Qaeda, Maes retained the program as a client, according to a list of clients on his Web site, http://www.airtime.be/whose.html and then took on Radio al-Tajdeed and a third Arabic-language program called "Al-Balagh," of which little to nothing is known. [The al-Tajdeed logo over a map of SA was still on the TDP Whose page when checked August 19, and linking to site --- gh]

More recently, Maes added a client that few international broadcasters would touch - Zwart of Wit (Black or White), a program that promotes a Belgian political party that many Europeans consider to fall into the Neo-Nazi category. His colleagues in the airtime brokering industry are without words as to why he would keep these groups as clients and disappointed that he would profit - if not outright sympathize - with the messages their programs deliver.

MIRA and Maes were eventually forced to locate a dedicated uplink facility for Sawt al-Islah to both hide its location from the Saudis and isolate the program from other commercial programming in the event of jamming. Now renamed "Debate," the program continues to broadcast from London to an uplink facility believed to be located in Europe.

Maes, meanwhile, placed Radio al-Tajdeed on Globecast, a French broadcast service provider that rents bandwidth to al-Massari to feed the audio up to the Hotbird 6 satellite - a satellite administered by another French firm, Eutelsat.

Neither Globecast nor Eutelsat would respond to inquiries on Radio al-Tajdeed.

According to industry insiders international broadcasters monitor foreign language commercial programming and hire translators when needed, to avoid potential legal trouble. While it is not known if either Globecast or Eutelsat took the effort to monitor Radio al-Tajdeed, it is unlikely that the station would have remained on the air had they done so.

Anger of al-Tajdeed Listeners

With Radio al-Tajdeed silent, its voice replaced with test tones, and the British media in a frenzy over how al-Massari got away with airing the de facto Voice of al Qaeda radio for a year and a half, listeners posted angry messageson the Tajdeed Forum.
http://www.go-lajnah.co.uk/forums/showthread.php?s=f5ed419767506d40f5e3fad569b2ead7&threadid=37816

One listener, who believed that the station was forcibly shut down, wrote that the closure was as "humiliating" as the history of British colonialization in the Arab world and predicted that it would further the increase of "homosexuality and Zionist labor control," thereby promoting more Muslims to follow the "values and principles" of Islam. Another listener railed against the United States, writing that "America must know that the militants increase power every day... (T)he closure of Radio al-Tajdeed or Tajdeed Forum does not harm a thing but rather bestows on us a power, God willing. They cannot stop our march nor further news of the destruction of American citizens and the fading of the idol of this age, the damnable America..."

Al-Massari, himself, refuses to speak with journalists and probably anticipates, along with his terror-weary neighbors in London, receipt of a deportation notice.

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(CRW via DXLD) Still no new Global Crisis Watch podcast (gh, DXLD)

The story has now made the front page of the Daily Express under the banner headline Kick Out Muslim Lord Haw Haw, you can see the cover

online but not the text of the story. http://www.express.co.uk/
Readers are invited to phone in and vote as to whether the gentleman should be deported (Mike Barraclough, UK, 1018 UT Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. THE CBC PICKETING SPREADS OVERSEAS
BBC union protests airing of members' work during lockout
Siri Agrell, National Post, August 19, 2005

TORONTO - Unionized employees of the British Broadcasting Corporation are planning to stage demonstrations in London next week denouncing the use of their work by the CBC during a lockout of the Canadian broadcaster's employees. . .
"The CBC picketing spreads overseas"
http://www.canada.com/national/nationalpost/news/story.html?id=9ef9d1eb-28e7-4deb-be21-59fa2a859a76
(via Doug Copeland, MB, DXLD) Similar story:

BBC 'TAKING SIDES' IN CBC LOCKOUT: UNIONS
Friday, August 19th, 2005, By Randy Boswell

LOCKED-OUT CBC workers, with help from union allies in Britain, have opened up an international front in their labour dispute with Canada's public broadcaster.

The Canadian Media Guild and two British unions representing radio and TV employees in that country are slamming the BBC for "taking sides" in the standoff -- now in its fifth day -- between CBC management and 5,500 of its journalists, technicians and support staff.

The CBC has been transmitting BBC radio and television programs to fill much of its newscast airtime throughout the lockout. The British unions accuse the BBC of permitting unlimited use of its news broadcasts and acting as a "strikebreaker" in a foreign dispute.

"The BBC's support for a broadcaster who has locked out its staff rather than talk to them can only make CBC management bolder, and will probably lengthen a dispute that should never have happened in the first place," said Martin Spence, a top official with BECTU, the Broadcasting Entertainment Cinematograph and Theatre Union, which represents thousands of BBC employees. "The last thing the BBC needs is this kind of damage to its reputation at a time when the debate about its own future is beginning."

CBC routinely makes use of BBC World Service television reports but the unions say BBC bulletins are now being aired around the clock and that British TV newscasts are being shown on CBC Newsworld six times a day.

CBC spokesman Jason MacDonald said the corporation has a "long-standing agreement" with the BBC that "pre-dates any work stoppage."

He said the deal "allows us to use any news programs from their output" and that while more of the British newscasts are being aired during the lockout "the programming is not being adapted for the CBC in any way."

But BECTU and the National Union of Journalists say some of their BBC staff may refuse to assist in providing programming to CBC.

"We want to know if the BBC has received any requests from CBC management to increase the use of BBC material, what permissions have been given, what financial considerations are involved, and what action the BBC proposes to take to ensure that the BBC is not seen to be taking sides."

The unions have requested an urgent meeting with BBC management and have warned that they "will not tolerate" their members' work "being used against colleagues" in Canada.

"We will not stand idly by and allow management to attempt to break the strike by the use of BBC material," said NUJ official Jeremy Dear. "BBC management must act now so they do not stand complicit in taking sides in this dispute."

Canadian Media Guild president Lise Lareau also stated that "the BBC runs the risk of losing its international status as an impartial and highly regarded news service by so openly being associated with one side in a dispute between CBC and its staff."

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** U K. HAM RADIO IN BBC DOCUMENTARY. Ham radio is about to get some public exposure across the United Kingdom as it takes part in a special BBC show. We go across the Atlantic to Nottingham and RSGB reporter Jeramy Boot, G4NJH:

England`s BBC Radio 1 is presenting a documentary called Radio Anyone on 22 August. The program, which examines the way people exploit technology to broadcast their voices to the world, features several contributions from radio amateurs, notably short clips of amateur radio contacts between school children and the International Space Station.

The Radio Society of Great Britain`s GB4FUN manager Carlos Eavis,

G0AKI, along with former Young Amateur of the Year, Mark Haynes, M0DXR, also participated in the documentary. Carlos travels the length and breadth of the country in his famous GB4FUN van to explain to school children about amateur radio.

While being interviewed for the documentary, both Carlos and Mark were able to make contact with OZ1MY, via the AO-51 satellite. The interviewers were then able to talk to Ib about how he became interested in amateur radio. I`m G4NJH in Nottingham.

If you live in the UK, don`t forget to tune in to the show. To find out the exact time of broadcast or to listen in from anyplace world-wide, visit the BBC Radio 1 website at http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1 (GB2RS via Amateur Radio Newslineô Report 1462, August 19, 2005 via John Norfolk, dxldyg via DXLD)

A BBC Radio 4 programme on Amateur Radio "Fishing in the Aether" was broadcast over a decade ago but can be found on the web:
http://www.weareone.co.uk/fita.htm
http://www.apch26.dsl.pipex.com/weareone/fita.mp3

It's interesting to contrast it with the "Radio Anyone" programme.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/onemusic/documentaries/radioanyone537p01.shtml
(Trevor M5AKA Short Wave Magazine Group swm_readers yahoogroup via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. This morning (August 19th), VOA Tibetan at 0500-0600 on 17770 and 15265 kHz has been heard without Chinese jamming! (LUCA BOTTO FIORA, Rapallo (Genova) Italy, Aug 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** U S A. Re TAIWAN [non], 5-140: RTI has announced that two of your transmitters carrying their program are down, 15130 and 17805. I wonder what the problem is and when you expect to have them back on? (Glenn Hauser to Dan Elyea, WYFR Okeechobee, via DXLD)

Something must have been lost in translation. Those transmissions (all transmissions) were interrupted on August 14th by frequent episodes of loss of electrical power --- one evening only (Dan Elyea, WYFR Okeechobee, via DXLD)

** U S A. There are rumors from very high places of a major effort by certain US Government agencies to get rid of US private broadcasters within a certain distance of their allocated frequencies, and to quash OOB broadcasts altogether (Aaron Zawitzky, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I hear that government has ordered WYFR off some out-of-band frequencies. Can you tell me more about this? (Glenn Hauser to Dan Elyea, WYFR Okeechobee, via DXLD)

This happens periodically to most broadcasters using out-of-band frequencies on a non-interference basis. Yesterday we were asked to vacate 17525 kHz, because of interference to FEMA on 17520.4 kHz USB (Dan Elyea, WYFR Okeechobee, via DXLD)

Please note the following changes to the WYFR A-2005 Frequency Schedule, effective 17 Aug 05.
Del 17525 kHz 87 degrees zone 46 1700-1900 UT
Add 17535 kHz 87 degrees zone 46 1700-1900 UT
(Evelyn March, WYFR, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also wondering how the building reconstruction is progressing? Guess you are bracing for another hurricane season, so far so good (Glenn Hauser to Dan Elyea, WYFR Okeechobee, via DXLD)

The rebuilding of the roof is nearing completion. Things are still raggedy inside. When the roof is fully done, we'll roll on the inside. The roof is much stronger construction than previously. We hope it will fare better in any future storms (Dan Elyea, WYFR Okeechobee, via DXLD)

We have the new roof, but no interior work has been done yet. They have to fix a problem with the A/C (leaking) and then get started -- slow process. Wish it were all done (Evelyn Marcy, ibid.)

** U S A. QRM to WWCR 15825: see ARGENTINA

** U S A [non]. Re MUNDO RADIAL: Tnx per lo informe. Va ser ˙til en un radiojornal que estoy haciendo en 3725 LSB en Portugal. 73 (SÈrgio Oliveira - radioamador CT2IFT F·tima - Portugal - mail pt@pol.pt Tel 917792815 / 249532359 - Fax 531292 http://cba.pt.vu - PLC/BPL? NO, THANKS http://radiojornal.pt.vu radioescutas yg via DXLD) Viz.:

N˙cleo de Radioamadorismo --- *** Boletim Quintas 21:00h numa das frequÍncias: 3,25 MHz, 3,5 MHz ou 3,75 MHz LSB em 80 metros, conforme a frequÍncia que esteja mais disponÌvel *** (from above website via gh, DXLD) Hmm, 3.25 MHz should not be a hamband in Portugal or anywhere. That would be Thursdays at 2100; is that UT? Portugal is on DST of UT +1 currently. Is he using my voice or quoting? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. KMUW Wichita often suppresses its webcast Fri 1500-1700 UT when Wichita in Performance is on, due to rights issues. This was the case Aug 19 when I tried to bring it up around 1600. The WM player was running but with silence. I forgot to stop it, and suddenly at 1712 UT, well after that was over, and an NPR talkshow was in progress, the webcast suddenly came back.

Fortunately, the station is a bit more on the ball when it comes to what goes on the 89.1 air, which BTW is still free of that former local gospel-huxter translator in Enid; now the QRM problem, not too bad, especially with direxional antenna, is another genuine public radio station, the KCCU Lawton relay near Clinton/Weatherford (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WSCR AM 670 Chicago is now running IBOC, totally obliterating 660 and 680 kHz. I've read mentions before that they had it, but today was the first time I actually heard them running IBOC (Curtis Sadowski Paxton, Illinois, 1251 UT Aug 19, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. CH¡VEZ ESTUDIA IMPULSAR RADIO SUR IDEA DE V¡ZQUEZ

El mandatario venezolano Hugo Ch·vez anunciÛ ayer en Caracas que eval˙a la posibilidad de impulsar una red radial sudamericana luego de la creaciÛn de la cadena televisiva Telesur, que opera en la regiÛn desde el mes pasado con el apoyo de Argentina, Uruguay y Cuba.

"Ahora me dio TabarÈ (V·zquez) una buena idea: Radio Sur, y me decÌa: íadem·s de la televisiÛn, no olvidemos la radio, que penetra mucho m·s en todas partesí.

AsÌ que vamos a tomar eso como una tarea, Radio del Sur, una red mundial de estaciones de radios enlazadas", precisÛ Ch·vez.

El mandatario venezolano emitiÛ sus declaraciones en un acto oficial de celebraciÛn de los 200 aÒos del Juramento realizado por el Libertador SimÛn BolÌvar en el Monte Sacro de Roma para lograr la independencia de su paÌs.

La ministra venezolana de Ciencia y TecnologÌa, Yadira CÛrdoba, ser· la encargada de trabajar en la creaciÛn de un satÈlite que permita el enlace de las estaciones que se unir·n a Radio Sur y entre las cuales --- dijo --- tendr·n especial relevancia "las comunitarias".

El gobernante lanzÛ la idea de Radio Sur en medio de un encendido discurso contra el "imperialismo", en el que sostuvo que la opiniÛn p˙blica mundial debe erigirse como una nueva "potencial mundial para salvar el planeta".

El "imperialismo y sus lacayos adormecen a las sociedades a travÈs de sus grandes cadenas de televisiÛn y sus grandes periÛdicos. La dictadura medi·tica est· al servicio del imperio y por eso es que le tienen miedo a Telesur", sostuvo.

La cadena televisiva sudamericana fue inaugurada el pasado 24 de julio

e intenta vencer los obst·culos tÈcnicos y las dificultades para salir al aire. Es rechazada por sectores que cuestionan a Ch·vez desde Colombia y Estados Unidos, especialmente.

En la p·gina web de Telesur se indica que la cadena "nace de una evidente necesidad latinoamericana: contar con un medio que permita a todos los habitantes de esta vasta regiÛn difundir sus propios valores, divulgar su propia imagen, debatir sus propias ideas y transmitir sus propios contenidos, libre y equitativamente". ANSA (de http://www.elpais.com.uy/05/08/16/pnacio_168845.asp ago 16 via Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, ago 17, condig list via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. HAWAII, 11555, R. Free Vietnam via KWHR [Fri] Aug 12 *1230-1242 45444 Vietnamese, 1230 sign on with opening music, ID, Theme song, Talk.

11555, R. Hoa-Mai via KWHR [Sat] Aug 13 *1328-1358* 35333-45444 Vietnamese, 1328 sign on with IS, Opening announce, Opening music, Talk, ID at 1355, 1357 IS, 1358 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. No news in English on 11735 at 1800 from Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar due to apparent sports match. 19 August 2005 (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** ZIMBABWE [and non]. Re 5-140: I believe you said before that 1745 is when VOP start the English segment? (gh, DXLD)

VOP seems to have no real pattern for English using the local vernaculars of Shona and Ndebele mainly but yes, mostly English programming / reports are aired around 1745. 73 (David Pringle-Wood, Harare, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Voice of the People, 7120 [from Madagascar] to Zimbabwe heard yet again from 1700 with very severe jamming from within Zimbabwe. The recycling jammer has a 80 kHz wipeout zone of the frequency band in use. This is a recently monitored ability of this jammer, wide frequency jamming. When it was used to block SW Radio Africa it hardly spread more than 5 kHz either side of the intended frequency. Chinese radio engineering at its best use it seems here now in Zimbabwe. Also, my radio is OK, no internal signals! 73 (David Pringle-Wood, Harare, Zimbabwe, Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Expanding greatly collateral damage, so that would be 7080 to 7160; is this very wide jamming signal also audible abroad? Bring in the DARC ham intruder watch (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ZIMBABWE: GOVERNMENT TURNS TO JAMMING VOP
By Lance Guma 18 August 2005

Chinese equipment employed to jam the Short Wave transmissions of SW Radio Africa is now being used to jam, Voice of the People. VOP which broadcasts via Radio Netherlands carries various programs on Zimbabwe produced by journalists based in the country. It would seem that soon after SWRA stopped broadcasting on shortwave, the jamming equipment became idle and government decided to find a use for the expensive devices.

Broadcast experts suspect the jamming started on the 14th of August and the stations programs from 7 to 8 pm Zimbabwean time are being wiped out. Monitors of the jamming said sometimes parts of the broadcasts were audible, but generally it was a wipe out. The Executive Director of the Station, John Masuku, confirmed receiving reports of the jamming but said they were still conducting further monitoring sessions to be absolutely sure they are being jammed. Government has never admitted to jamming SWRA broadcasts and will, no doubt, deny any jamming of VOP (SW Radio Africa Zimbabwe news http://www.swradioafrica.com/news180805/jamming180805.htm via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Signal Report Montreal from VE2002SWL --- I was band scanning around 3820.0 up and down searching for American Hams last night at 0050 UT, August 19/05; on 3839.0 LSB I heard what sounded like a sound war with jamming and Chinese voices. This frequency range is normally where I scan for Northern US ham radio signals. Then the music faded and moved up to 3839.6 where I could hear it overriding some hams. There was radio interference and bells. Then it moved up to 3839.9 and stayed there for two minutes until 0054. They played country music, then a phone ringing. There was some Italian music then French until 0057. One minute later it moved to 3840.0. It was mainly French conversation; there was a lot of interference. I thought I heard a .ca web address given. At some point they read off a list of 10 names that they said were somehow connected to 'Policio Internationalo" [sic]. At 0106 UT they were doing advertising for Morlattos Supermarket and LaFleurs and gave locations in LaValle, LaSalle and Pierrefonds, all parts of Montreal. The signal strength kept going up and down; sometimes there was major static. At 0113 the signal was excellent. The signal was quite wide interfering between 3838.6 and 3859.0. Lots of hash on signal this morning. It was still on at 0803 UT this morning! It may still be on there but I had to go to work. I guess this is a local Montreal pirate radio and judging

from their varying signal, somewhat mobile. That is the end of my big time big deal signal report. Thanks, (Spanner McNeil using a Grundig 800 with just the whip in Montreal, Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. EXTRA—O MUY EXTRA—O --- Estimados colegas y amigos diexistas: Anoche estuve escudando a Radio Habana Cuba en los 15230 kHz a eso de las 0320 UT y estaban pasando el discurso del Comandante Fidel Castro. Lo curioso fue escuchar una emisora de fondo dentro del mismo audio; era una locutora que estaba predicando la Biblia. Hablaba de los evangelios e indicaba capÌtulos y versÌculos de la Biblia. TambiÈn se podÌa escuchar con claridad en los 9600 pero no en los 11760. Lo m·s extraÒo fue que a sintonizar a Radio Internacional de China en los 9560 a esa misma hora, tambiÈn se ``metÌa`` esa seÒal de predicaciÛn religiosa. La seÒal de la emisora religiosa siguiÛ hasta las 0335 en los 9560. De China Radio Internacional. øQuÈ puede haber pasado? øde dÛnde provenÌa esa seÒal? Quien sabe. Agosto 17, 2005. (CESAR PEREZ DIOSES, CHIMBOTE, PERU, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lo ˙nico que puedo sugerir es un caso de modulaciÛn mixta dentro de su receptor desde una seÒal fortÌsima en otra frecuencia de OC, o desde una emisora local de OM. Si no puede lograr ID desde la religiosa, lo mejor serÌa sintonizar otro receptor buscando audio paralelo.

The only explanation I can think of is cross-modulation in your receiver from an extremely strong SW signal on some other frequency or local MW station. Best thing would be to tune around quickly on another receiver for a parallel, if you can`t get an ID from the religious audio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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EtÛn E1XM receiver

The EtÛn E1XM receiver is now available in Canada according to a "The Source By Circuit City" (ex Radio Shack in Canada) flyer with today's newspaper. Offers end 28 August and price listed as Can$599.99. Can't find it on their website at http://www.TheSourceCC.com Universal Radio has it listed at US$700.00 but special "your price" is US$499.99. Now we just have to wait for the reviews (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario, Aug 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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WEB ACCESS OVER POWER LINES
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http://slashdot.org/articles/05/08/17/2315220.shtml?tid=126&tid=95
(via Joe Ringer, Aug 18, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)
Forum with a very long thread on this (gh)

RADIO PHILATELY
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To see a Japanese QSL stamp for JOAK with a "...beautiful parrot from one of the main Tokyo stations. It was issued as a postage stamp like design, incorporating the call letters, and was affixed to postcards mailed from the station to listeners overseas". Visit:
http://www.radioheritage.net/Story27.asp
(Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Aug 18, radiostamps yg via DXLD)

LANGUAGE LESSONS
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Re: ``If the British call air shows ``tattoos``, what do they call tattoos, ``air shows``? (Glenn Hauser, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Tattoo = one meaning is a display of military exercises performed as entertainment [by military aircraft maybe?] Yes, I realise that air shows are not all military, but tattoo is a very nice sounding word, and we are British anyway, so you'll just have to bear with us. 73s
(Noel R. Green [NW England], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GRAPHIC GAFFES & AUDIBLE ATROCITIES
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More chuckles tnx to CNN`s close-captioners --- Glanced at my CNN monitor at 2329 UT Aug 29 during Anderson Cooper 360, and saw a caption reading ``... a trained cyberian tiger`` who killed some woman. Well, I guess I`d rather face a Cyberian tiger than a Siberian one but preferably neither (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###